

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for delivery of product units from a vending machine to a customer, said system comprising:

a control central; and

a closed vending machine coupled to the control central remotely located from the vending machine, the vending machine comprising a control unit configured to control conditions for delivery of the product units from the closed vending machine and configured to register information about product content in the closed vending machine,

wherein the control central is configured to continuously collect information about the product content from the control unit and is configured to control the conditions of delivery in the closed vending machine for each customer, wherein the conditions of delivery are sent to the control unit a withdrawal of product units from the vending machine is dependent upon a room key or member card being read by a card reader in the vending machine,

wherein registered information indicative of the withdrawal of the product units from the vending machine is employed to implement automatic invoicing in respect of the withdrawn product units, and

wherein selective access to withdraw product units from the vending machine is dependent on additional information associated with said register information sent to the control unit, said additional information including at least one of customer information, time, and location.

2. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the control central is configured to continuously register the products units that are delivered to the customer, and wherein the product unit that the customer buys is debited by the control center automatically after the purchase.

3. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the control

unit is programmed via the control central to regulate which of the products units can be delivered from the vending machine and which of the products units are blocked from delivery.

4. (Currently Amended) A system as in any of the preceding claims, wherein the control central ~~comprises arrangements~~ is operable to rebate the customer for some or all products in the ~~closed~~-vending machine.

5. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~closed~~-vending machine is configured to be operated by a feed-unit, wherein said feed-unit is selected from a group comprising a keyboard, a remote control unit and another wireless unit.

6. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein a TV set is connected to the control central, and the vending machine is arranged to be operated via the remote control of the TV set.

7. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein access to the vending machine is conditioned by the use of a correct room key, wherein the access to the room gives a corresponding access to the ~~closed~~ vending machine against a simultaneous invoicing of all withdrawals.

8. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a card reader coupled to the vending machine, wherein said card reader reads at least one of a magnetic card and another storing body and is used in combination with a code that can be keyed into the feed unit to activate the ~~closed~~-vending machine.

9. (Previously Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said conditions of delivery comprise delivery of the product units which are subjected to restrictions at least one of age limits and time related restrictions.

10. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 9, further comprising:

a display coupled to the ~~closed~~-vending machine and configured to show selection possibilities and to present information.

11. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the ~~closed~~-vending machine is located in a hotel room, and the control central is operated from the hotel reception by an operator.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for delivery of product units from a lobby vending machine to a plurality of customers, said system comprising:

a control central; and

~~a closed-vending machine coupled to the control central remotely located from the vending machine, the vending machine;~~ placed in a common area, comprising a control unit configured to control conditions for delivery of the product units from the vending machine; and ~~configured to register information about the product content in the closed vending machine,~~

~~wherein the control unit controls the control central controls the conditions for delivery in relation to which product units can be delivered from the vending machine to the customer, and which product units are prevented from being delivered dependent upon register information;~~

~~wherein a withdrawal of product units from the vending machine is dependent upon a room key being read by a card reader in the vending machine,~~

~~wherein said register information indicative of the withdrawal of the product units from the vending machine is employed to implement automatic invoicing in respect of the withdrawn product units.~~

13. (Currently Amended) System according to claim 12, wherein the ~~closed~~ vendor machine is located in hotel facilities selected from the group consisting of lobbies, well-being departments, spa and massage parlors, swimming pools, fitness rooms, squash and tennis courts, discos, restaurants, internet cafes, and cinemas.

14. (Cancel) Method for delivery of product units from a vending machine to a customer, comprising:

a control central; and

a vending machine comprising a control unit that controls conditions for delivery of the product units from the vending machine; and registers information about product stock in the vending machine, wherein the control central continuously collects information about product stock from the control unit and wherein the conditions for delivery in the vending machine are controlled by an operator that inserts conditions for a customer that are sent to the control unit.

15. (Cancel) Method according to claim 14, wherein the control central registers the product units that are delivered to the customer continuously, and debits the customer automatically after the purchase of the product unit.

16. (Cancel) Method according to claims 14 or 15, wherein the vending machine releases the product unit from the vending machine stock and delivers the chosen product unit to the customer via a delivery chute if the control of the control unit cancels the blocking function.

17. (Currently Amended) System according to claim 12, wherein the closed-vending machine is located in public areas selected from the group consisting of travel terminals, companies, and schools.

18. (Currently Amended) System according to claim 12, further comprising:

a corresponding card reader coupled to the vending machine, wherein said card reader reads at least one of a magnetic card or and another storing body and is used in combination with a code that can be keyed into the feed unit to activate said closed-vending machine.

19. (New) A system according to claim 1, wherein the control central is configured to continuously collect information about product content from the control unit and is configured to control the conditions of delivery for each specific customer.

20. (New) A system according to claim 1, wherein the room key is a card including a data chip.

21. (New) A system according to claim 1, wherein the room key is a card including a magnetic strip.

22. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the control central is configured to continuously collect information about product content from the control unit and is configured to control the conditions of delivery for each specific customer.

23. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the room key is a card including a data chip.

24. (New) A system according to claim 12, wherein the room key is a card including a magnetic strip.

25. (New) A method for delivery of product units from a vending machine to a customer, comprising:

inserting a room key in a vending machine coupled to a control central remotely located from the vending machine;

reading with a card reader the room key inserted into the vending machine, said reading includes ;

verifying register information at the control central based upon the reading of the room key;

selecting by a customer of a desired product unit from product units;

collecting information continuously by the control central about presence of the product units from a control unit coupled to the vending machine;

controlling the conditions for delivery from the control unit in the vending machine by the control central, wherein registered information and conditions for a customer is input to the control central by an operator;

preventing delivery of the desired product unit to the customer, if the registered information and conditions for a customer prohibits sale of the product unit;

delivering, if the registered information and conditions for a customer approves, the desired product unit to the customer; and

automatically invoicing the customer for the delivered product unit.

26. (New) The method according to claim 25, further comprising:

continuously registering by the control central of the product units that are delivered to the customer.

27. (New) The method according to claim 25, further comprising:

releasing the product unit from the vending machine to the customer via a delivery chute if a control of the control unit cancels the preventing of delivery.